

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the Title as follows:

-- METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF INHIBITORS OF THE BINDING OF ARE-  
CONTAINING MRNA AND A[[N]] HUR PROTEIN--

Please insert the following as the first paragraph beneath the title on page 1:

--This application claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/373,207, filed  
April 17, 2002, which in its entirety is herein incorporated by reference.--

A copy of the abstract is herein provided on the following separate sheet.